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New program upholds Ag sustainability

By ROB JEPSON
staff writer

A program at USU is impacting not just students, but the whole western U.S., said Phil Rasmussen, program director of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program and Plants, Soils and Climate professor.

Rasmussen said the SARE program, funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and hosted by Utah State, is dedicated to developing better means of sustaining agriculture for today's agricultural industry, but that's not all.

It is also a way for students to gain real world experience in the ag business, take advantage of networking opportunities, and be exposed to some of the leading scientists in the field, he said.

Chod Stephens, a graduate student and SARE program participant, said, "It's been a great resource for information. More than that, it's been a great way to network with people who are leading the nation in sustainability."

Stephens said Karl Kupers, a professor at Washington State University (WSU) and one of the field's "greatest proponents," is the most influential person he has met through SARE. He said he has been able to speak with Kupers at length and even share some of his ideas with him.

Stephens said he would not have met Kupers if it wasn't for SARE, because he is too notable a figure to be reached without some sort of established connection.

Rasmussen said that Utah State was selected to be the program's host university in the West because it "had the benefit of being involved in other committees for the future of agriculture."

"That, and they felt we'd be fair," he said.

Serving as the program's host university "helps a relatively small university like Utah State get national attention," Rasmussen said.

In fact, this year alone Utah State was granted \$4.2 million to redistribute to farmers, ranchers, researchers, and extension educators throughout the West. Since Utah State was designated the SARE host university in 1994, USU has received over \$55 million from the federal government to be redistributed in the same way.

"That is a huge number of contracts and grants to keep track of," Rasmussen said, "so, we provide employment for several full-time staff members who monitor these federal funds and the way that they are spent."

Rasmussen said students at USU benefit from the fact that it hosts the region's SARE program.

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Sept. 11 reflections emphasize increase in job opportunities

By MIKE BURNHAM
staff writer

New opportunities are opening up in the global job market as the United States' role in Iraq makes the transition from active combat to what President Barack Obama said is a role of "advising and assisting" in his Aug. 31 address to the nation.

"Our combat mission is ending," he said, "but our commitment to Iraq's future is not."

In accordance with the president's plan to have all U.S. troops pulled out of Iraq by the end of next year, a new labor force is moving in to help stabilize the country.

"As our military draws down," he said, "our dedicated civilians – diplomats, aid workers, and advisers – are moving into the lead to support Iraq as it strengthens its government."

For many soon to enter the job force, this could mean an abundance of new opportunities.

"Private contractors are hiring all kinds of people that are willing to go to Iraq, and get paid a lot of money but live in a somewhat unstable environment," said USU professor Jeannie Johnson, a former CIA analyst who currently teaches a course on international relations. "Everything down to aerobics instructors."

This is all part of what Obama called a "new approach," which "reflects our long-term partnership with Iraq."

According to Johnson, however, this isn't the first hiring push created by our conflict in the Middle East. She believes that the post 9/11 world has created a world of opportunities for students and job seekers.

"All of these new bureaucracies and institutions have been created and they are looking for bright people," she said. "We learned that we were vastly under-tooled in our understanding of foreign theaters. There is a huge hiring push for anthropologists, historians, and people who have dedicated a lot of time to understanding languages."

This means new opportunities for areas of study that may have previously offered limited opportunities outside of academia.

"This plays to the natural interests of a lot of students," she said. "That means if they start thinking towards intelligence institutions they may find themselves with opportunities in the very near future."

According to Veronica Ward, a USU professor who teaches a class on terrorism and anti-terrorism, the creation of a new job



THE FLAGS were put at half mast to remember Sept. 11, a day that USU professors say stabilized our economy by providing more jobs. *STERLING BOIN photo*

market is due to the nature of the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"There is no battlefield, and there are no uniforms," she said. "Intelligence becomes absolutely crucial ... you can't use conven-

tional tactics."

However, she said lending cultural knowledge or language skills to the conflict in the

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PAWS in Top 60 for grant money

By CATHERINE MEIDELL
news editor

USU's Access and Diversity Center's proposal to better the success of children struggling in grade school is ranked No. 56 out of 1,140 in a grant competition for \$250,000, as of Sunday night.

The organization's proposal that receives the greatest number of votes from supporters will have the freedom to spend the grant money toward their cause however they choose. If the Access and Diversity Center's cause receives the most votes, they will use the money for students who are involved in the program Pursuing Academics With Success (PAWS) and improve the quality of their education opportunities, said Todd Milovich, educational outreach coordinator.

He said if their proposal receives the most votes, \$100,000 will go toward scholarships for students who need "extra help," that are attending Wilson Elementary School and South

Campus High School in Logan. The remaining \$150,000 will be used to pay the students' tutors and take them on field trips.

"It's all for education, for a better world," Milovich said. "Everyone should have the best chance they can get."

PAWS was pioneered by Wilson Elementary School's principal, Sundee Ware, who has been focused on creating the best opportunities for her students, especially because the school has a large number of students who speak English as a second language, Milovich said. Many individuals and organizations are collaborating to support PAWS, including teachers, South Campus High School, USU students and staff, the Logan Library and Bridgerland Literacy, Milovich said.

Perhaps Wilson Elementary School's strongest relationship is with South Campus High School, Milovich said, which is an alternate institution for students struggling to keep passing grades. These

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Nat'l Briefs

Colo. evacuees return to residences

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) —Colorado crews let hundreds of evacuees return to their scorched homes Sunday as investigators probed the cause of a devastating wildfire that has burned 10 square miles near Boulder.

A senior law enforcement official familiar with the investigation told the Denver Post that authorities are looking into whether a fire pit sparked the blaze, which could mean criminal charges are possible. The newspaper did not name the official.

Utility workers were restoring electricity to homes where about 2,000 residents have been allowed to return in the rugged foothills above Boulder. Much of the area is dangerous because of downed power lines and poles, damaged roads and exposed mine shafts, officials said.

Hurricane Igor gains strength in southeast

MIAMI (AP) —Forecasters say Hurricane Igor has rapidly strengthened to a Category 4 storm in the open Atlantic. It doesn't immediately threaten land, but is expected to get stronger as it moves west.

Igor had maximum sustained winds of 140 mph and was moving west at 14 mph. Additional strengthening is expected in the next two days.

The center of the storm was located about 1,065 miles east of the Northern Leeward Islands.

LateNiteHumor

Top Ten Signs Your Football Team Isn't Ready For The Season
Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

- 53-man roster —52 punters.
- No play calling in the huddle, but a lot of friendly poking.
- Field goal kicker still trying to get over Arizona border.
- Players leave stadium after third quarter to beat traffic.
- Las Vegas has you as an 83-point underdog.
- General manager just brought in YA Tittle for a workout.
- Starters get winded walking pre-game buffet line.
- Players haven't finished sewing their uniforms.
- Most of your team is stuck in that Chilean mine until Christmas.
- Quarterback missed training camp because he was in Mississippi pre-tending to retire.



Nation remembers 9/11

NEW YORK (AP) —First came the tears, the solemn bugle call and the recital of the names of the dead. Then came the chants, speeches and angry shouts.

It was a Sept. 11 anniversary unlike any other. For the first time, politics and rage were an overt part of New York's commemoration of the anniversary of the attacks, an occasion marked in the past only by rituals of sorrow.

A Saturday morning ceremony in which relatives of the victims placed flowers in a reflecting pool and read the names of their loved ones gave way to an afternoon of protests and counter-demonstrations over a proposed Islamic center near ground zero.

Some called the rallies a disgraceful intrusion. Indeed, some of the people attending the protests came from far away, and appeared to be drawn only by a deep-rooted dislike of Muslims or passion for liberal causes.

But the throngs included an ample number of 9/11 mourners, too, who joined the anti-mosque crowd of about 1,500 after attending the ground zero memorial ceremony.

"A lot of people say it's a day of solemn remembrance. But for us, every day is a solemn day," said Al Santora, who lost his firefighter son, Christopher, in the attacks, and attended the rally with his wife, four daughters and four grandchildren.

For a few hours, the political and cultural furor over whether the proposed Islamic center and mosque belongs so close to the trade center site mostly gave way to the somber anniversary ceremony and pleas from elected officials for religious tolerance.

At the other Sept. 11 attack sites, as at ground zero, elected leaders sought to remind Americans of the acts of heroism that marked a Tuesday in 2001 and the national show of unity that followed.

President Barack Obama, appealing to an unsettled nation from the Pentagon, declared that the United States could not "sacrifice the liberties we cherish or hunker down behind walls of suspicion and mistrust."

"As Americans we are not —and never will be — at war with Islam," the president said. "It was not a religion that attacked us that September day — it was al-Qaida, a sorry band of men which perverts religion."

In Shanksville, Pa., first lady Michelle Obama and her predecessor, Laura Bush, spoke at a public event together for the first time since last year's presidential inauguration. At the rural field where the 40 passengers and crew of United Flight 93 lost their lives, Obama said "a scar in the earth has healed," and Bush said "Americans have no division" on this day.

In New York, the leader of a small Christian congregation in Florida who had planned to burn copies of the Quran to mark the Sept. 11 anniversary called off his plans.

Pastor Terry Jones gave an interview to NBC's "Today" after flying to New York in hopes of meeting with leaders of the mosque and persuading them to move the Islamic center in exchange for his canceling his own plans. No meeting had taken place,

he said.

Nonetheless, he said, no copies of the Quran would be burned. "Not today, not ever."

Jones' plan had drawn opposition across the political spectrum and the world. Obama had appealed to him on television, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates in a personal phone call, not to burn the Islamic holy book. Gen. David Petraeus, head of the U.S. mission in Afghanistan, said carrying out the plan would have endangered American troops.

Nevertheless, there were isolated reports of Quran desecrations on the anniversary, including two not far from ground zero.

In Afghanistan, two protesters died and four were injured as Afghans protested for a third day Sunday against Jones' plan, an Afghan police official said, despite Jones' cancellation of plans.

There were no arrests in New York, police said. There were scattered scuffles in the streets, including one in which a man ripped up another's poster advocating freedom of religion and the second man struck back with the stick.

Near the World Trade Center site, a memorial to the 2,752 who died there played out mostly as it had each year since 2001. Bells were tolled to mark the times of impact of the two hijacked jets and the times the twin towers collapsed.

Assigned to read the names of the fallen, relatives of 9/11 victims calmly made their way through their lists, then struggled, some looking skyward, as they addressed their lost loved ones.

"David, please know that we love you. We miss you desperately," said Michael Brady, whose brother worked at Merrill Lynch. "We think about you and we pray for you every day."

As they finished reading names, two relatives of 9/11 victims issued pleas — one to God and one to New York — that the site remain "sacred."

Family members of Sept. 11 victims also laid flowers in a reflecting pool and wrote individual messages along its edges.

Within hours of the completion of the ceremony, groups of protesters had taken up positions in lower Manhattan, blocks apart and representing both sides of the debate over the mosque, which has suffused the nation's politics for weeks leading up to the anniversary.

Near City Hall, supporters of the mosque toled signs that read, "The attack on Islam is racism" and "Tea Party bigots funded by corporate \$." Opponents chanted "USA" and "No mosque here" and carried placards that read, "Never forgive, never forget, no WTC mosque."

Critics have said that even if organizers have a First Amendment right to build the center where they want, putting it near ground zero would be a show of disrespect.

"It just can't be. It's a disgrace," said Arlene Tipping, of Hauppauge, N.Y., who lost her firefighter son, John, on 9/11. "They're just trying to take over New York and Manhattan. This really is war."

Amid it all, ground zero is transforming. Just this week, officials hoisted a 70-foot piece of trade center steel there and vowed to open the Sept. 11 memorial, with two waterfalls marking where the

towers stood, by next year. At the northwest corner of the site, 1 World Trade Center, formerly known as the Freedom Tower, now rises 36 stories above ground. It is set to open in 2013 and rise 1,776 feet taller than the original trade center.

The proposed Islamic cultural center, which organizers say will promote interfaith learning, would go in an abandoned Burlington Coat Factory two blocks uptown.

The raging debate over whether it should be moved has stoked anti-Muslim feelings and fear of Islam is possibly greater than it was immediately after Sept. 11, the imam leading an effort to build it said in an interview aired Sunday on ABC.

"How else would you describe the fact that mosques around the country are now being attacked?" Feisal Abdul Rauf said. In recent weeks, Islamic centers in California and Texas were vandalized and the site of a planned mosque in Tennessee was set on fire.

"... We are Americans, too," the imam said. "We are doctors. We are investment bankers. We are tax drivers. We are store keepers. We are lawyers. We are — we are part of the fabric of America."

Prayer services are normally held at the New York City site of the planned center, but it was padlocked Friday and closed Saturday, the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Police planned 24-hour patrols until next week.

Elizabeth Meehan, 51, was among about 2,000 rallying to support the mosque. Meehan, who rode a bus to the rally from her home in Saratoga, N.Y., about 180 miles away, said she is an observant Christian and felt it was important for Christians to speak in favor of religious freedom.

"Muslims are fellow Americans," she said. "They should have the right to worship in America just like anyone else."



A TEAR FALLS down the face of a mourner during New York City's Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony, Saturday, Sept. 11, in New York. (AP photo)

Central bankers discuss regulations

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) —Global financial regulators agreed on new rules designed to strengthen bank finances and rein in excessive risk-taking to help prevent another crisis.

Banks will be forced to hold more and safer kinds of capital to offset the risks they take lending money and trading securities, which should make them more resistant to financial shocks such as those of the last several years.

European Central Bank president Jean-Claude Trichet, chairman of the committee of central bankers and bank supervisors that worked on the new

rules, called the agreement "a fundamental strengthening of global capital standards."

"Their contribution to long-term financial stability and growth will be substantial," Trichet said in a statement.

U.S. officials including Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke in a joint statement called the new standards a "significant step forward in reducing the incidence and severity of future financial crises

Some banks have protested however that the new rules may hurt their profitability and cause them to reduce the

lending that fuels economic growth, possibly dampening a global economic recovery.

The deal still has to be presented to leaders of the Group of 20 forum of rich and developing countries at a meeting in November and ratified by national governments before it comes into force.

The agreement, known as Basel III, is seen as a cornerstone of the global financial reforms proposed by governments following the credit crunch and subsequent economic downturn caused by risky banking practices.

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Cramer decreases vehicle-related animal deaths

By JESSICA SWEAT
staff writer

Patricia Cramer, assistant research professor in wildland resources, won the Denver Zoo's 2010 Conservation award. As an ecologist with work sites in Washington, Montana, and Utah, Cramer said she was surprised by the news.

"I thought, 'Why me?'" she said. According to the Denver Zoo's website, the award honors "the unsung heroes of wildlife conservation."

The website also states "Dr. Cramer is a transportation ecologist who has advanced the scientific study of wildlife crossing structures and advocates for landscape connectivity in North America."

Not only will Cramer receive the award and a reception in her honor, but a \$5000 prize toward a project of her choice. Staying loyal to her work, Cramer has decided the money will go to a project

called Wildlife Corridor Mapping in coordination with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. However, this is not the first time the ecologist has found success.

In 1997, Cramer was working in Paynes Prairie, Fla. when she first recognized the problem of too many animals getting caught in the cross-fire of vehicles. Cramer, along with fellow biologists and citizen activists, found some relief in convincing the local department of transportation to build a wall, four crossings, and a state preserve for amphibians and reptiles. After work was completed, Cramer reported a 90 percent decrease in collisions.

Since then, Cramer has dedicated over a decade to studying and experimenting with processes to prevent collisions between wildlife and vehicles.

Cramer is currently working with UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) along with UDWR (Utah Division of Wildlife

Resources) to monitor wildlife crossings being placed all over Utah. Cramer began working with the state after UDOT received federal stimulus funds to erect about three miles of fencing from Mountain Dell Reservoir to Lamb's Canyon. The eight-foot high fencing is to encourage wildlife to cross under bridges through designated safe pathways. Escape ramps for larger animals such as deer, elk and moose were installed just in case they do find themselves trapped on the road. Cameras have also been installed at the crossings to see how wildlife have been responding. Carmer said so far, all sorts of animals have been captured by the cameras, including various types of deer and a mountain lion. Cramer said she believes that with these crossings, collisions can be reduced by 70 to 90 percent.

All of the fencing has been installed, but with over 40,000 vehicles traveling through Utah roads each day, Cramer believes we

can do more.

"I would like to see awareness of what we are destroying and to mitigate for them (wildlife) every way we can," she said.

According to wildlifeandroads.org, this would include "using wildlife crossings such as overpasses, underpasses, and crosswalks."

Utah has not always taken a blind eye to the problem. In 1975 Utah led the nation in the number of wildlife crossings and boasts the first wildlife overpass built in North America. Cramer said she believes Utah is "coming back" and that the country is growing as a whole.

Cramer gave some guidelines for drivers that can be used to prevent collisions. These include slowing down to 45 mph if in an area with deer signage and trying to avoid driving at dawn and dusk, especially during fall and spring when deer tend to migrate.

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TWO DEER walk through a tunnel constructed under a road that keeps them protected from passing cars. Patricia Cramer, assistant research professor in wildland resources, won an award for her plan to save wildlife from being hit by vehicles. Cramer blocked off certain roads, prompting the deer to use tunnels leading to the opposite side of the road. *Photo courtesy of Patricia Cramer*

CARE: Colleges support students with children

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engagement."

This mission statement was present in the event of the Celebration of Children and Families as a booth from each college was present, providing the children with hands-on activities relating to that college's subjects.

Activities included bottle rockets from the Space Dynamics Laboratory, spinning wool bracelets with the agriculture department and creating sculptures and playing with instruments from the arts college.

"The children really enjoy this," said Ann Austin, child development professor.

"We do this event to show that the university wants to have a family-friendly environment," said Aggie CARE Co-Director Leah Schilling, "and here the kids get to see what mom and dad do at work."

Aggie CARE is an acronym for Child Care Accreditation, Recognition and Education. The program is available to faculty members and students with children, aiming to help them find quality child care, network with other families and provide a connection between the university and the community.

According to www.usu.edu/aggiemail, the program's purpose is to "make quality, off-campus child care available to USU employees and to raise the quality of child care throughout Cache Valley."

"It definitely sends a message of welcome to faculty members and stu-

dents," Austin said.

She said many professors and faculty members at USU had other teaching offers, but decided to accept the job at USU because of the Aggie CARE program.

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*Leah Schilling,
Aggie CARE co-director*

The Aggie CARE program began as a vision from the provost's office and new women's center. Austin said these programs did not want child-care to be a barrier to faculty and students. They also wanted to help community members not specifically associated with USU. By doing this, Aggie CARE intended to unify campus and the community, Austin said.

"We wanted to bring up the quality of childcare in the whole community," said Cara Allen, Aggie CARE coordinator.

By using Aggie CARE, a forward thinking is presented addressing issues as to what families need, Allen said. Through the program, faculty members can concentrate on on their work and students can focus on their schooling.

Since its development, Aggie CARE has also expanded involvement with issues such as assisting pregnant faculty members and students, as well as pioneering a networking system that offers monthly faculty forums where Aggie CARE users can talk about their child care services and get to know other families.

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NSCS introduces USU chapter

By ASHLEY CUTLER
staff writer

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) Utah State Chapter hopes to jump start a great year with the induction of 140 new members this Tuesday.

The NSCS is an elite society comprised of students who are in the top 20 percent of their class based on academics. The president of Utah State's chapter, BreAnn Russell, said that the NSCS office in Washington D.C. monitors freshman and sophomore classes throughout the country. Students who are eligible for admission are sent a "very thick packet" of information in the mail.

If you believe you are eligible to be a member of NSCS but have not received word, Russell said it is possible to apply and nominate yourself by talking

to an officer.

According to USU's website, the first NSCS chapter was founded in 1994 in Washington D.C. Utah State's chapter has been around since 2000. Ten years later, the officers are striving to get the club more involved on campus so more people know they are around.

"We've been a club for years and years, but we've never put ourselves out there," Russell said.

She said her goals for this year center on getting word out about NSCS and involving the members. With the help of officers and members, Russell plans on participating at Day on the Quad and other activities on campus, and also supporting the various colleges through service.

Russell said she has an "army of amazing people... [The members] already have good grades, good skills — let them do something good with their time."

She said, "If anyone needs help, we would love to help. We want to help as many people as we can. We're easy to contact on Facebook."

Freshman Tony Topoca, executive vice president of Utah State's NSCS chapter, said that his goal is to "get in touch with all the members ... and reach out to the student body."

"I'm excited to get involved, and get NSCS out there," he said.

There are currently five officers, including Russell and Topoca, but Russell said they are looking to fill a couple more spots with some incoming members, who will help coordinate community service.

Russell said two things have motivated her to

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Briefs

Campus & Community

HASS Hour given new name

It is fitting that a popular social and intellectual program at USU will now be known by the name of its creator, Gary Kiger.

Kiger, who headed USU's college of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences for five years, created a monthly program that was known as HASS Hour. The series featured a mix of social interaction and a formal presentation that highlighted the academic and creative work by one of the college's outstanding faculty. HASS Hour, thanks to Kiger's insightful guidance, became a popular activity, not only for the college, but for the entire university. Kiger died in 2008.

When the university created two new colleges from among the departments that once made up the College of HASS, both colleges wanted to continue the series, and it was unanimously decided to christen the program the Kiger Hour. The series is sponsored by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Caine College of the Arts.

The first offering of the year features the deans of the new colleges and a tribute to Kiger in "Introduction to the Kiger Hour" Thursday, Sept. 16, at Hamilton's Steak and Seafood. Kiger Hour begins at 5:15 p.m. with a social gathering and the program, known as the TimePiece, begins at approximately 6 p.m.

Kiger Hour is held at Hamilton's Steak and Seafood, 2427 N. Main St., Logan. A buffet with appetizers, desserts and soft drinks, iced tea or coffee is offered. Cost is \$6.95 per person (plus tax and gratuity) and is billed on an individual basis. Guests can also order from the menu, and a cash bar is available.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Natalie Archibald Smoot in the HASS Office, 435-797-2796, or email, natalie.archibald@usu.edu

Established admiral to tour SDL lab

It's all hands on deck Monday, Sept. 13 for engineering students and faculty in connection with a visit from Rear Admiral William D. French.

He will be welcomed to campus by Raymond T. Coward, executive vice president and provost, prior to a brief campus tour. The Rear Admiral's main interest, according to Michael Kennedy, USU vice president for Federal and State Relations, is to look at the best engineering programs in the state that could lead to recruiting opportunities for some of USU's top engineering students.

French, accompanied by Scott Hinton, dean of the College of Engineering, will view a robotics demonstration at the David G. Sant Engineering Innovation Building at 3:30 p.m. Also on tap is a tour of the university's Space Dynamics Laboratory.

Students works to be displayed in exhibit

A new exhibit at USU features student work from the first-ever Vienna/Prague Arts Study Abroad Program. Sponsored by the Department of Art in USU's Caine College of the Arts, the exhibit, "Here and There," opens Monday, Sept. 13, with a reception in Studio 102 of the Chase Fine Arts Center at USU (Fine Arts Visual, Room 102).

Studio 102 is open 12-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The public opening and reception is Sept. 13, 6- 8 p.m.

All artwork was created from, or influenced by, the environment, the arts and culture of Austrian town, cities and locations in and around Vienna, Salzburg, Linz, Melk, St. Gilgen and Hallstatt. Other locations featured in artwork are Prague and Budapest.

The displayed art includes photography, installations, sculptures, graphics and paintings.

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Scholars: 140 members to be inducted into national organization

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help strengthen the Utah State Chapter of NSCS this year. The first was the dedicated work of Utah State NSCS member Alicia Binkley. Russell said because of her efforts in the society last year, the chapter has more available means to support their activities this year. “She has really helped us get on our feet,” she said. Because of her service, Binkley will be recognized as a Distinguished Member during Tuesday’s Induction ceremony. The second thing that motivated Russell was her attendance at an NSCS regional convention in Seattle, Wash. this July. She said it was great to be able to “mingle with other schools.” “It was inspiring to see schools who used to be lost, like us, but

are now successful chapters,” she said. Russell said she is eager to implement some of the ideas they shared on how to get members involved. “We want [to hold] member meetings ... and give our members a voice.” Leadership experience and chances to mingle with professionals are two benefits of being an active member in NSCS. Russell said. There are also plenty of opportunities to serve in order to help build your resume and character. Russell hopes that members will “take the initiative” and contribute to their NSCS Utah State Chapter. — ashley.cutler@aggiemail.usu.edu

Front row superfans sport warrior paint for ISU game



THE FIRST HOME GAME of the season had Aggie football fans excited to paint up and cheer their team to victory. TODD JONES photo

Research: SARE provides funding to improve sustainability

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“Clearly, the continued flow of nationally-known scientists, experts in sustainable agriculture, flowing through our Utah State office has been a positive experience for students,” he said. He also said students in general, not just those involved in SARE, can take advantage of seminars given on campus through the program. “We have sustainable agriculture workers from across the region who will be visiting our offices. These include Dr. Jerry DeWitt, former director of the Leopold Center for

Sustainability at Iowa State University, Dr. Brian March, director of the University of California Shafter Research Center and Dr. Dan Long, director of the ARS Dryland Research Team at Pendleton Oregon,” he said. The program has also had a large impact on the western region of the United States as well. Presiding over 13 states, as well as the American protectorate islands of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Micronesia and American Samoa, the western SARE office has funded over 1,400

competitive research and extension grants since its creation, Rasmussen said. In a survey recently conducted by WSU’s Center for Economics and Social Sciences, a reported 79 percent of producers say they improved their soil quality through SARE projects. Seventy-five percent say that SARE-funded educators led programs to share innovations in their areas. Sixty-four percent say that SARE projects helped them achieve higher sales, and 53 percent of producers began using a new production technique after reading a SARE pub-

lication. Rasmussen said: “Our projects include everything from farmer-raised clams in Guam to reindeer raised for meat in Alaska to all the vegetables between artichokes to zucchini ... The value of the agricultural products in the Western region would be equivalent to the third nation in the world, as far as agricultural production. All of these have ongoing research into growing them more sustainably.” — robmjepson@gmail.com

Obama: Opens jobs in civil service

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Middle East doesn’t necessarily mean landing in a war zone. “I don’t think very many linguists or anthropologists would be eager to go out in the field,” Ward said, “but they could certainly be very helpful within security forces or investigative units.” Opportunities are not exclusive to those familiar with Middle Eastern languages and cultures. In an effort to be better prepared, agencies such as the state department are looking for experts in a wide variety of cultures and languages. “President Obama and General Petraeus are in favor of empowering the state department and our civil services so that we have an institution’s worth of experts when the next big thing hits,” Johnson said. “Instead of scrambling for such people we want to have them on hand.” Increasing the state department’s resources is one way that our nation has evolved since its involvement in the Middle East, he said. “One of the lessons of our effort in Iraq is that American influence around the world is not a function of military force alone,” Obama said. “We must use all elements of our power.” It is part of what Obama said was a “new push for peace in the Middle East,” a push that, according to Obama, will allow us to “do more than just defeat on the battlefield those who offer hatred and destruction,” but “also lead among those who are willing to work together to expand freedom and opportunity for all people.” — mike.burnham@aggiemail.usu.edu

Grant: Could give more students a college education

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students are encouraged to participate in PAWS and assist elementary school students as tutors. South Campus students may only become tutors if they pass an exam for which USU tutors help them study, Milovich said. Currently, five USU students are tutors for South Campus students. Michelle Bogdan, director of the Access and Diversity Center said her number-one goal is to help more elementary and high school students eventually become college students. In addition to tutoring, USU students organize programs for the elementary school students. Sophomore Ethan DeVilbiss facilitates outreach music programs throughout the year. “We hope to instill a sense of stewardship and leadership in these students so that one day they will pay it forward,” Bogdan said. “Doing that for the kids now will give them the skills they need to, hopefully, go back into their community and do the same thing.” The collaboration of kindergarten through the university level will strengthen educational alliances in Cache Valley, Bogdan said. She said her hope is to have the students that participate in PAWS go to USU after high school graduation, but she said she realizes some of them may have other dreams. — catherine.meidell@aggiemail.usu.edu

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Women successful in male-dominated fields

By KASEY VAN DYKE
staff writer

A young boy was severely injured and rushed to the hospital by his father. After the initial examination, the doctor returned to the room and said, “I can not operate on this child. I am his parent.” Who was the child’s doctor?

Ann Austin, the director of the Center for Women and Gender Studies and professor of child development, said this story would have “stumped” most people a couple of decades ago. Though times and policies have changed, stereotypes still appear to define some fields. Women still fill 92 percent of nursing positions, 83 percent of receptionist positions and 81 percent of elementary and junior high teachers, according to the website for the U.S. Department of Labor. The website also stated that women earn 20 percent less than men on average.

For the past 20 or 30 years, regulations have been created to help equalize the workplace. One such policy is affirmative action. The policy was incorporated into an executive order in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and has been revised several times. The American Association for Affirmative Action (AAAA) states on their website that affirmative action refers to “positive steps aimed at increasing the inclusion of historically excluded groups in employment, education and business.”

Today, one function of affirmative action is to regulate what percentage of a work force must be a minority, sometimes including women. Austin said she is “deeply grateful” for affirmative action, which gave her an equal wage, though remembers the “angst” her sons went through when they were turned down for jobs because of the policy.

While affirmative action has made strides to level the playing field for minorities, some feel it has created disadvantage for the majority. An anonymous source, who is working on his graduate degree in aerospace engineering, said this policy could make the hiring for some unequal in the engineering field. He explained that a company may have a goal to hire five men and five women, but are likely to get most of their applications from men and may not even see five female applicants.

“The result is often that each of these women is given a job with little consideration, while the men are tediously interviewed and chosen very carefully. Sounds like prejudice to me,” he said.

Even at USU, certain colleges and departments are statistically dominated by men. One is the College of Engineering. While no one can answer the question of the unequal student body fully, Chris Hailey, associate dean for the college, said part of the problem is the lack of engineering exposure for girls in elementary and junior high schools. Hailey also said some blame falls on those within the field.

“We’ve not told our story well enough to be compelling to women,” she said.

Dean of Engineering H. Scott Hinton agreed that a discrepancy



THREE OF THE FEMALES in the computer science major stand among their male peers. Certain colleges and departments at USU are statistically dominated by men. *CHRISTIAN ELKINS photo*

in education accounts for the low percentages of women. It has nothing to do with the curriculum, he said. Both Hailey and Hinton said the women that do enter into the major do well and really become engaged.

“A lot of them are bubbling to the top,” Hinton said, “a sign they’re being accepted but also a sign of confidence to reach their full potential. They’re going to go out and make tremendous leaders.”

Hailey and Hinton said they haven’t seen a bias in the classrooms, despite the social dichotomy. Christine Koloveas is studying mechanical engineering, the least female-populated emphasis within the college. She said getting special treatment is her “pet peeve” and prefers people to remain unbiased.

“When it comes down to it, you try your best and see what happens,” she said.

Koloveas said some girls might leave the major because they are too hard on themselves, admitting to almost dropping the major herself after failing a class.

“I think women feel like they failed when all the guys are doing awesome,” she said. “I’m sure there are other guys failing classes.”

Hinton said one of the main goals of the college is to create an atmosphere of acceptance and make sure the girls have a support group.

“Engineering is hard,” he said, “and if you’re alone it makes it harder.”

Hailey said the college is always looking for ways to include

more women in the program. The college would love to have more women interested, she said, especially when engineers are so needed.

“Whether it’s a heart defibrillator or some sort of insulin pump or a satellite in space, engineers are everywhere,” she said.

Vicki Allan, an associate professor in the computer science department, echoed Hailey’s and Hinton’s statements and said another big deterrent for women in her field is how it is perceived. The head of the department, Donald Cooley, said the same stereotype surrounding computer scientists probably holds true for engineers as well.

“Computer scientists have been portrayed, more often than not, as geeks and nerds,” he said. “I think many women, because of that image, don’t go into the field.”

Cooley also confirmed that ability does not vary based on sex. “One thing I make very clear,” he said, “women do as well as men in computer science. There is no issue with aptitude.”

Allan agreed that women hold their own in this area of study, sometimes even excelling past the men.

“The women who aren’t doing so well eliminate themselves and the men don’t,” she said. “The women who stay with it are probably on average better than the men.”

Cooley said the biggest disappointment is that “women, just because of stereotype, they don’t look into the field and could miss out on a career that could be very proactive.”

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Students experience relaxation through T’ai Chi



T’AI CHI IS A martial art based on relaxation, not fighting. It allows individuals to go at their own pace and is not competitive. *MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE photo*

By ALEXANDRIA EVENSEN
staff writer

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, a room in the Physical Education and Recreation Center becomes unlike any other. There are no bouncing basketballs or ballroom dancers. The gym is silent except for the soft-spoken voice of Kayo Robertson encouraging his students to let go of the tension in their bodies.

A female student in the front row asks, “What are we supposed to be feeling like?” “Happy, Easy, Relaxed,” Robertson answers. “Don’t collapse. Collapse is relax’s evil twin.”

Robertson has been teaching the art of T’ai Chi for nearly 30 years, eight of those at Utah State University. After being bullied as a child, he said he discovered martial arts to be a form of protection.

“After a while I wanted to give up,” he said. “I sensed the way that it was approaching violence, and it didn’t satisfy me.”

Within a short time of his decision to quit, Robertson said he discovered a martial art not based on fighting, but on relaxation.

“I heard that the Chinese had a martial art all about mediation and philosophy,” he said. “It used the advice of Jesus of Nazareth, Confucius and Buddha.”

Robertson had found T’ai Chi. After trying a few jobs, including bee-keeping and teaching English, he settled down near Logan and eventually became the director of the Bear River T’ai Chi Ch’uan Society.

Taggart Williams, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, said he loves taking two hours out of a stressful week.

“Before this, I hadn’t tried T’ai Chi itself

but I was big into martial arts,” he said.

“T’ai Chi is more about flow than any other martial arts. I realized that by taking this class, it would help me in every aspect of my life.”

Taggart said he has enjoyed the class, but doesn’t think it’s a good fit for every student.

“It’s not fast moving,” he said. “It’s not for people who always have to be doing something. It’s about knowledge and wisdom.”

Chris Axtell, a junior pre-health major, took a different view.

“It would fit anybody that is open and willing to learn,” he said.

According to the Mayo Clinic website, T’ai Chi may have possible health benefits. Its gentle movements are not only relaxing physically, but they help connect the brain to the body.

“Here in the western culture physical health is all about strength. They put you on a treadmill,” Robertson said. “In China, everything is about energy. In the Middle East health is about vitality. They’re different conceptions.”

Axtell, who said he boxed as well as participated in other athletics in high school, has struggled with knee, back and ankle pain, especially right after working out. He said after only three days of class, he started to feel changes in his body.

T’ai Chi is not competitive and allows people to go at their own pace. There are many different styles and variations of T’ai Chi, so it accessible to almost any age.

“I used to do it when I was young,” said Robertson. “Now I do it to keep me young.”

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By GENEVIEVE DRAPER
staff writer

The website for The Association of College Honor Societies, an organization which

One of the oldest honor society chapters on campus is for those in the College of Natural

One of the newest societies to found a chapter on campus was the English society, Sigma Tau Delta. USU's chapter, Rho Tau, was organized in 1996. According to their website, www.english.org/sigmatd/chapters/index.shtml, the society is international, and through annual conventions that connect the various literature of the world, it allows

Each society has its own special activities

William Furlong,
professor of political science
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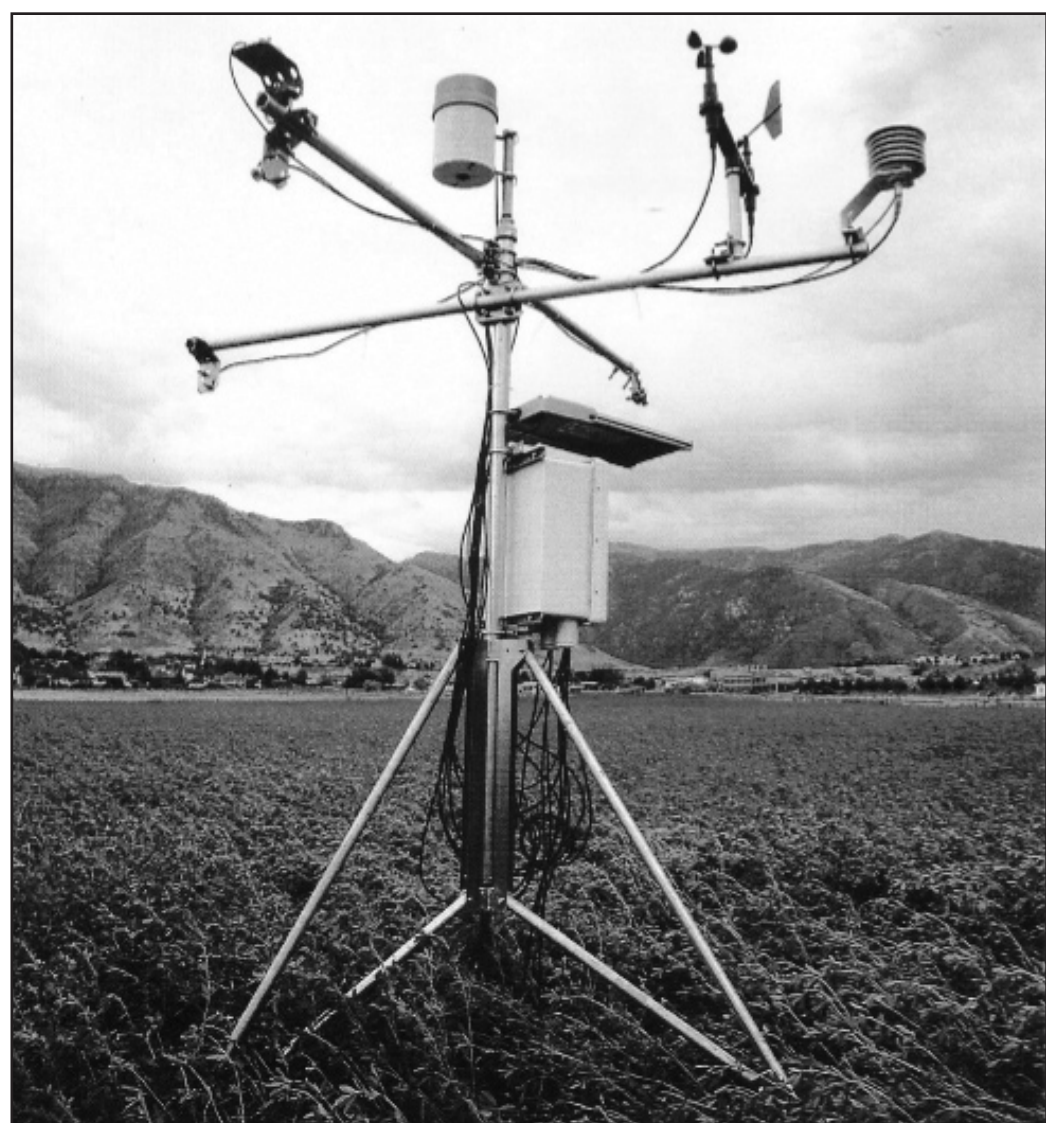
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By COURTNEY RHODES
guest writer

“Automated weather stations are being increasingly used to help us understand the

The stations at Utah State University are not only being used for research, but are also being used to help people better understand the effects of the weather on their environment. The Utah Climate Center, in conjunction with USU, offers extensive weather information and data collected by the stations at <http://climate.usurf.usu.edu/>.

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"It's awesome, fun, and it helps you feel better," he said. "Tae kwon do seemed all

"By the end of the class I want them to know where their spine is, to be strong-footed and to be upright and easy," he said. "I would like them to be a little more stable, a little more calm, and a lot more aware of their bodies."

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Student deems iPad most overrated piece of technology

By TAM ROUNDS
staff writer

Utah Statesman: What is your favorite body of water?
Dan Groberg: The Pacific Ocean.

US: Most painful injury?
DG: I don't get injured all that much. I've had a bunch of scrapes and bruises, but I don't think I have had a most painful injury.

US: Ski or snowboard?
DG: Ski.

US: Cats or dogs?
DG: Dogs.

US: What was the last thing you drank?
DG: The last thing I drank was milk.

US: Who do you miss the most right now?
DG: Umm, my friend Ashley in Provo.

US: Who is the hottest person you know?
DG: My friend Ashley in Provo.

US: Where were you yesterday at 2 p.m.?
DG: I was in my marketing class.

US: Where do you do your laundry?
DG: I usually take it back home to Bountiful.

US: Does your mom do it or do you do it?
DG: I offer to do it but she usually does it.

US: What shampoo brand do you use?
DG: Garnier Fructis.

US: Brand of toothpaste?
DG: Crest.

US: Who is your favorite professor this semester?

DG: So far it's been Ron Godfrey.

US: What is the highest-paying job that you have had?
DG: Working as a film assistant for my dad. He paid me a lot while I was doing that.

US: Twinkies, Ding-dongs or Ho-hos?
DG: Are Ding-dongs the ones covered in chocolate, like all the way around?

US: Yes.
DG: Ding-dongs.

US: How fast do you type?
DG: Pretty darn. Well, I wouldn't say I am extraordinary, but I can type pretty fast.

US: Recycle?
DG: If it's convenient.

US: Bedtime?
DG: I try and shoot for 11 p.m. But I usually go to bed later.

US: Are you registered to vote?
DG: I am.

US: What is the best restaurant in your hometown?
DG: I like Texas Roadhouse the most in my hometown right now.

US: What is the most expensive item you have purchased in the last year?
DG: My cowboy boots.

US: How much were they?
DG: They were just \$150.

US: Favorite Quote?
DG: One that I love is on my dad's wall back at home by Teddy Roosevelt, "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure ...



DING-DONGS AND CHICAGO DEEP DISH pizza are two favorite food items for junior Dan Groberg. TAM ROUNDS photo

than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

US: Favorite amusement park ride?
DG: The Samurai at Lagoon.

US: Favorite pizza?
DG: A Chicago Deep Dish from Chicago. Typically a meat lover's, definitely pepperoni.

US: If you could change anything about the way you were raised, what would it be?
DG: I wouldn't change anything. I love how I was raised.

US: Most overrated piece of technology?
DG: Facebook, ha ha, just kidding. I think it's the iPad, personally. It's too big.

US: First thing you notice about the opposite sex?
DG: Eyes.

US: Sunset or rainbow?
DG: Sunset.

US: Which celebrity should be exiled to Antarctica?
DG: Lindsay Lohan

US: Eggs which way?
DG: I'll take them any way, but mostly scrambled, it's the easiest.

US: Biggest turnoff?
DG: When someone doesn't like their family.
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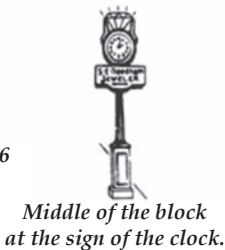
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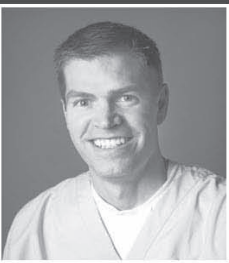
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and traditions like service events, social activities, and academics. Furlong said one of the biggest advantages of joining an honor society is the increased interaction with the professors. With so many students in each major, knowing the professor personally gives students an added edge in applications for graduate school and in the competitive job market. Instead of being one of the hundred who took one of his classes, Furlong said the members of Pi Sigma Alpha, which he advises, are more familiar faces, particularly those that serve in the leadership posi-

tions. "It has been a lot of fun to get to know people on a personal level," said Furlong, who has been the adviser for Pi Sigma Alpha for nearly 30 years. Though most of the societies do focus on the upperclassmen, some of them do embrace younger students. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is primarily for freshmen and sophomores who have achieved high grades.
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Aggies subdue Bengals on day of upsets

By ADAM NETTINA
sports editor

On the same day in which No. 13 ranked Virginia Tech went down at home to James Madison and three other Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools fell to teams from the 'lesser' Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Utah State head coach Gary Andersen had every reason to fear the Idaho State Bengals.

And for the first 14 minutes and 24 seconds of Saturday night's home opener, so did the 18,347 fans in attendance at Merlin Olsen Field and Romney Stadium. That was, until a 27-yard Kerwynn Williams touchdown run ignited a firestorm of second- and third-quarter Aggie points to lead Utah State to an easy 38-17 win over the Bengals, evening USU's record at 1-1 going into the start of conference play next week.

"When you're watching the (other college football) games all day long, sitting around in a hotel room, it is a point of emphasis, for sure," Andersen said of the day's upsets, which he used as an example to his team as to why the Aggies couldn't overlook the Idaho State (1-1).

"With Idaho State, with what they have done in the past coming in here, we knew our football team couldn't take anyone lightly," he said.

Despite Andersen's warning, USU certainly started out the game like a team which was taking its opponent lightly. Thanks to an opening kickoff return of 53 yards by ISU's Tavoy Moore, the Bengals were set up in good field position for their first drive, capitalizing seven plays later when kicker Brendon Garcia connected on a 36-yard field goal.

The Aggies were slow to respond to ISU's initial 3-0 lead. While the USU offense posted several big gains in the game's first few minutes, penalties and missed execution – including a 30-yard field goal missed by kicker Peter Caldwell – kept USU behind until the end of the first quarter. Thanks to Williams' TD run, however, the Aggies took their first lead of the game, and never looked back.

Awakened by Williams' scamper – the first rushing touchdown in his USU career – the Aggie defense responded by posting two quarters of shutout play against the overwhelmed Bengal offense. A week after rushing for 221 yards against Montana Western, the ISU running game hit a brick wall against USU's defense, with linebacker Bobby Wagner leading the way for USU with 10 tackles, including one for a loss and half a sack.

"We stepped up as a defense," Wagner said. "Last week, we struggled against the run game, but tonight we played extremely well again their run and their pass."

It didn't take long for the USU pass defense to step up in a big way, with safety Rajric Coleman coming up with a second-quarter interception after teammate Curtis March deflected the ball into his hands. Coleman's pick gave USU's offense a short field, which Aggie signal caller Diondre Borel quickly took advantage of. Running USU's zone-read offense like a basketball point guard, Borel capped off a seven-play, 50-yard drive when he raced into the corner of the endzone to put USU up 14-3.

Borel missed only five passes on the evening while also connecting for a touchdown to receiver Eric Moats, and threw no interceptions. On the ground, Borel was his usual quick-footed self, avoiding oncoming rushers and buying valuable time by scrambling in the pocket. Indeed, it was truly a historic performance for the senior



AGGIE RUNNINGBACK JOEY DEMARTINO tries to break a tackle by former Utah State linebacker Jake Hutton. DeMartino carried the ball three times for 38 yards late in Saturday's game, including his first career touchdown early in the fourth quarter to put the Aggies ahead 38-3. *TODD JONES photo*

quarterback, who eclipsed the 5,000-yard career passing mark with a 13-yard pass to Dontel Watkins in the second quarter. Borel became just the seventh Aggie quarterback in history to surpass 5000 yards passing in his career with the completion.

"Diondre, I thought, was solid in this football game," Andersen said. "It seems like every game Diondre is getting an award, but he deserves everything he gets."

One of the reasons Borel was so effective in the game was because the players around him played so well. A week after struggling to establish a consistent rushing game against Oklahoma, the Aggie running backs

bounced back against ISU, combining for a total of 275 total rushing yards on the evening. Seniors Michael Smith (86 yards) and Derrvin Speight (75 yards, 1 TD) both ran the ball 12 times, while Kerwynn Williams and newcomer Joey DeMartino came off the bench to combine for seven carries for 71 yards and two scores.

According to Borel, USU's ability to establish a dominant rushing presence made all the difference in the game.

"It was big thing for us," he said. "One of our goals was

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Volleyball wins Montana Invitational, improves to 9-0



UTAH STATE'S LIZ MCARTHUR looks to kill during a home match earlier this season against Weber State. The Aggies improved to 9-0 this weekend at the Montana Invitational. *TODD JONES photo*

By KAYLA CLARK
sports senior writer

USU Volleyball headed to the Montana Invitational in Missoula, Mont. in hopes of winning all three games and advancing to 9-0 on the season.

They succeeded.

"The girls did very well this weekend," head coach Grayson DuBose said. "We didn't play as well as I would have liked to see, but we played well enough to win. We have done better in the past, but the girl's level this weekend, was at least what we needed."

One of their goals for this season, however, was winning on the road. "So far, we have done a really good job of that," DuBose said

Friday's game, the first of the tournament, was against Montana. Outside hitter Liz McArthur had 18 kills, while setter Chelsea Fowles added eight kills of her own to lead Utah State to a four-set win. (25-13, 25-17, 21-25, 25-20)

"Montana is a really good team," DuBose said. "They won their conference last year and I was really happy to have beat them."

McArthur had nine digs and three service aces for Utah State, finishing the match with a .271 hitting percentage. Fowles hit .583 and added 43 assists and six digs. Sophomore opposite side hitter Shay Sorensen added a

career-high eight kills in this match.

USU trailed 6-4 in the first set, but scored five straight points, going on a 21-7 run, coasting in to the 12 point win.

The Ags finished the second set with a 6-1 run, winning by eight points.

The Grizzlies rebounded in the third set with a 7-2 run, turning a 16-14 deficit into a 21-18 lead, winning eventually by four points.

In the fourth set, USU used a 7-1 run to post a 5 point win.

Temple was next to suffer defeat at the hands of USU's squad, falling to a 2-6 season record. Sorensen recorded a career-high 14 kills in the four-set match. (20-25, 25-15, 25-11, 25-22)

USU dropped the first set against Temple, only the second time this has happened in the season. The Owls scored seven straight points to break a 10-10 tie, leading them to the five-point win.

The team came together during the second set, to earn a 10-point win, scoring the last six consecutive points.

McArthur and Sorenson both had four kills in the third set, leading USU to a 14 point win. (USU scored the first seven points.) During the third set, USU hit a .429, where Temple only hit a .061.

USU led in the fourth set until Temple made a comeback, rallying to tie the set 20-all. With the set tied at 22-all, the Ags scored the final three points to bring in another win.

North Dakota was Utah State's last opponent on Saturday.

Utah State hit just .095 in the opening set, but still won by six points as it used a 6-1 run early on to break an 11-11 tie.

McArthur led Utah State with five kills in the second set, as the Aggies scored 11 of the final 12 points, earning another 10-point win.

In the third and final set, USU scored four straight points to break the 17-all tie, sweeping all wins for the weekend.

"I was really proud of Shay this weekend," DuBose said of the tournament MVP. "She is really becoming a confident player, and a confident hitter."

DuBose also pointed out the outstanding play from seniors Katie Astle and Shantell Durrant. "They both make life so much easier for the rest of the players and have high percentages. Really great players."

The volleyball team will return to action this Tuesday at BYU. The game will be televised via BYUtv.

"Of course we want to beat BYU. We always do. We are going to worry about our side of the net during that game. Our offense is as good as anybody else's, and that's what we will focus on. But we just take everything one match at a time. We worry about the next game, and that's it," DuBose said.

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Women's soccer goes to overtime twice over weekend

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The Utah State women's soccer team (3-1-3) returned home this weekend after a three-game road trip and played well against back to back regionally ranked opponents. In a double overtime thriller Friday, they scored an impressive 1-1 tie, coming from behind against Colorado College (2-1-4), and on Sunday they defeated Cal Poly (3-4-0) 3-2 on a golden goal in overtime.

Against Colorado College, the Aggies went down 1-0 after a goal in the 65th minute by Colorado College's Brittney Lyman. USU rallied back in front of nearly 1,000 raucous fans to tie the game when WAC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year Shantel Flanary connected on a penalty kick in the 90th minute. The game headed into overtime, but 20 minutes was not enough as the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

"Colorado College is tough and we want to test ourselves,"

said USU coach Heather Cairns. "This game was a positive step, but you want to win."

The first half was a back and forth affair, with neither team able to gain the upper hand. Aggie senior Lauren Hansen, who is third in career goals in USU history, nearly added to her total early in the first half when her shot narrowly missed left. With neither team able to break through the defenses, the first half ended 0-0. Both teams struggled to find the edge in the second half as well, until the 65th minute when Colorado College was awarded a free kick.

After going down 0-1, Cairns said, "It lit a fire under us and we were going to push, push, push. That was the best soccer of that half."

Following the goal, the Aggies came out aggressively but couldn't find the net. That was until Flanary was awarded a penalty kick late. With the game on the line, she stepped up and knocked in the goal.

"I really enjoy situations like that," Flanary said. "There was

no pressure."

Despite the comeback, the Aggies realize that they still need to improve their play. "We are disappointed with a tie," said Cairns. "We need to be more consistent in our effort and execution."

Flanary echoed her coach's words on consistency, but also saw the positive in the game, saying "we started the second half slow, but to come back really shows character."

On Friday, the Aggies also hosted Youth Soccer Day in conjunction with Utah Youth Soccer Association and South Cache Soccer League. Young kids involved with these organizations were invited onto the field prior to the game and to an autograph session with the USU players after the game.

"This is so special for us," Cairns said, "the girls all really enjoyed it."

On Sunday USU came out with an even better all-around effort against Cal Poly, defeat-

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UTAH STATE MIDFIELDER STEFANI SHIOZAKI heads a ball away from the net during Sunday's game against Cal Poly. Utah State played games on Friday and Sunday this past weekend, going to overtime in both matches and coming away with a 1-1 tie versus Colorado College and a 3-2 victory over Cal Poly. ANI AGHABABYAN photo

Football debrief: The good, the bad and the ugly

By ADAM NETTINA
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The Good: The USU running game was dynamic a week after struggling to get started against Oklahoma. The Aggies had four different players score rushing touchdowns against Idaho State for just the second time since 1993. USU finished with a total of 274 rushing yards, averaging 6.0 yards per carry. In contrast, the Aggie rush defense stonewalled ISU to just two yards per rush and only 49 net rushing yards on the game.

The Bad: In a season that had already seen many of its big-name stars go down to

injury, Utah State will need all the help it can from second-string performers as the leaves begin to change. The team may not be as deep as it needs to be, however, and a fourth quarter ISU surge against USU's number-two offense and defense exposed the Aggies' second-string performers. Backup quarterback Jeremy Higgins tossed a pick which led to an ISU touchdown, while backup running backs Josh Flores and Joey DeMartino both had fumbles. Concern wasn't limited to the offense, either. USU backup defense surrendered a disheartening 131 yards passing in the fourth quarter.

The Ugly: Penalties. The very mention of the word brought out an angry response

from Gary Andersen is his postgame presser. The second-year headman said USU could not be competitive in future games if the team continues to make such mistakes. Altogether, the Aggies gave up 98 yards on 10 penalties, including a key personal foul on the game's first series that allowed ISU to jump out to a 3-0 lead.

Play of the Game: Receiver Eric Moats doesn't get a lot of press, but he has quietly become the most dependable of USU's receivers. The Air Force Academy transfer caught three balls for 65 yards on Saturday, with none more impactful than his 15-yard touchdown reception on a seam route from Diondre Borel. Coming on a third-and-goal from the ISU 15-yard line, the catch killed any hope of an ISU comeback and proved Moats' courage in going over the middle will become invaluable for the Aggies the rest of the season.

Thank God for: The fact that USU is not BYU or Virginia Tech. The Cougars lost in embarrassing fashion to Air Force on Saturday, while the Hokies were upset by James Madison.

Next on Tap: The Fresno State Bulldogs (1-0) come to town after a bye week and will provide plenty of challenges in an early-season WAC showdown. Fresno posted an impressive win over Cincinnati in week one, and even received 48 votes in the AP Top 25 poll released yesterday (a mark good for No. 27 in the country). The Bulldogs overwhelmed the Bearcats in the season opener, and registered eight sacks during the game while holding Cincinnati to just 15 yards rushing. The Bulldogs have not lost to USU since falling 13-12 in Logan in 2006.

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UTAH STATE WIDE RECEIVER ERIC MOATS reaches out for the endzone during the Aggies' 38-17 win over Idaho State Saturday. Moats had three receptions for 65 yards on the game and found the endzone for Utah State's lone touchdown via the passing game. TODD JONES photo

Football: Aggies roll to 38-17 win

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to get 300 yards rushing this game. We didn't quite get it but we did a much better job rushing the ball tonight."

Andersen was especially pleased with his stable of running backs, who are stepping in for injured star Robert Turbin.

"We have got the extra-effort yards, the yards after contact in this game," Andersen said. "Kerwynn (Williams) is an explosive young man, and he makes some big plays consistently. Michael Smith came in and did a very nice job as well."

USU continued to dominate the game into the third quarter, receiving scores from Derrvin Speight and receiver Eric Moats, who showed tremendous concentration and hands to haul in a 15-yard Borel touchdown toss.

The fourth quarter was a bit of a different story for USU though, as the second-team offense and defense took the field. Struggling in the later stages of the game, USU yielded two late touchdowns to ISU, both of which were set up by offensive turnovers.

"We've got to get our second team on the same page," Wagner said. "You never

know when someone might go down, and a (second team player) will have to go in. We can't let the second team off the hook."

Aside from getting the second team up to speed, Andersen singled out USU's penalties as a element his team will have to improve upon before next week's game against Fresno State.

"Execution I would say, was not where it needs to be," Andersen said. "What I would call ignorant penalties, we had a couple of those, and I am not real happy with that."

Despite the second team's struggles and the penalties, Andersen was just happy to get the win — especially given the circumstances that played out in many other FBS vs. FCS matchups across the country, and especially given the way in which the Aggies began the game.

"It is great to get a victory. Anytime in a division one football game, it is good to get a victory. We have a long ways to go as a football team. We will look forward to getting back together to work as a staff and Monday as a football team."

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The world-wide leader in what?

Criticism of ESPN grows every day. As a large network providing programs that people spend hours watching each day, it's inevitable that people are going to comb for imperfections. But realistically, no network is perfect, and ESPN is no exception.

ESPN is constantly harped on for being biased towards the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. It has also been accused of bias toward players like Brett Favre (who needs to retire already), LeBron James, (on the night James made his decision to play for the Heat, ESPN handed over advertising and air-time in exchange for coverage) and Tim Tebow (I love Tebow, personally, but frankly, their coverage of his Heisman Trophy in 2007 was a bit over the top). Although favoritism is problematic, it must be taken into account that ESPN is a ratings-driven network. They are going to put on the screen what most people want to watch. For example, covering the latest with Kobe Bryant – it's a ratings issue. People, mostly those outside Utah, like Kobe, people want to hear about Kobe, and people will tune in when he is on-screen. He was rarely covered in the late 90's, only proving that it's about numbers when it comes to ESPN's coverage now.

ESPN holds broadcast rights to the NBA, as opposed to the NHL – resulting in basketball playoffs receiving a LOT more attention than the Stanley Cup ever does. Although basketball is much more popular than hockey, they get shorted. ESPN steers toward games they have the rights to, and makes little of important games not shown on the ESPN family of networks. Although those games do not get much coverage, they do get coverage. But in all fairness, the games seen on "Sports Center" are usually the biggest games of the day. That's really their job – to cover the biggest sports.

Last year, ESPN limited its coverage of the Ben Roethlisberger sexual assault

case while it the peak of its newsworthiness, although the case was covered through every other large media outlet. They claimed the lack of coverage was due to no criminal charges. Information about Roethlisberger could be found on any other station, which leads to questions about the motives behind all of ESPN's stories.

Occasionally ESPN covers sports that, well, aren't even sports. I'm pretty understanding of the fact that a lot of things aside from football and basketball require physical effort, but poker? The National Spelling Bee? That's veering from the concept of "Sports Programming Network," the SPN in ESPN. They have lost me there. If they can't give hockey the coverage it needs, certainly there is no need to cover canoeing. The ESPYs (ESPN's annual entertainment awards) really are not helping ESPN's case, either. They are a media circus and a joke, and exist only to draw attention.

Every once in a while, the anchors go a little overboard trying to be original. I tune in to see the court-side coverage of a game, not watch them pull a funny face, listen to them make a cliché joke, or hear a clever nickname they've invented. On that same note, they sometimes focus more on a racy comment rather than a game-winning play. Again, this deals with audience. Trying to cater to a large demographic can result in spreading yourself too thin. The "E" in ESPN does stand for entertainment, and what that entails varies from person to person. Anchors can now be seen in advertisements with players. Conflict of interest? We will have to see.

There is plenty to complain about when it comes to ESPN. There is a reason they are the most popular sports network, though. They spearheaded the whole idea of a sports-only network, thank heaven. They provide the information and analysis a lot of us are looking for in a fresh and entertaining way. And let's be honest ... picture-in-picture on ESPN? Pretty hard to beat.

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That's what she said.

KAYLA CLARK

Overtime: Soccer beats Cal Poly 3-2

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ing them 3-2, their first win against the Mustangs since 1999. Hansen and Flanary scored in regulation, and freshman Mari Miyashiro scored the golden goal in the 96th minute, during overtime. It was Miyashiro's first career goal as an Aggie, but after the game, she had praise only for her team.

"Our team did so well," said Miyashiro, who hails from Mililani, Hawaii. "We really out possessed the other team and they put so much effort out there."

The Aggies fell behind early after Whitney Sisler's goal in the 14th minute, but once again they rallied back in dramatic fashion. Nine minutes later,

Hansen shook free, received a pass from midfielder Heather Pond, and found the back of the net. USU would strike again before the half, this time from Flanary. Down 2-1, Cal Poly regained momentum after half-time, evening the game in the 62nd minute.

"We told the girls at half-time, a 2-1 lead is the most dangerous lead. Whoever scores that next goal gets the momentum," Cairns said after the game.

The deadlocked teams headed into overtime soon after, a familiar position for USU. "We've been in so many over-times," joked senior midfielder Stefani Shiozaki, "I think we would know it best."

Unlike Friday, though, the Aggies would only need six minutes for Miyashiro to break free and knock in the game winning goal.

"It was huge," Shiozaki said. "We've been on a tying streak, so we finally got over that hump."

The Aggies will travel to California where they will play Loyola Marymount on Sept. 17. Cairns said she has been very impressed with her team's performance, and feels that they can play with the top teams. "We feel like we represented the WAC," Cairns said. "It's super exciting. I'm really proud of ourselves."

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Men's soccer ties Weber State, smashes LDS Business College

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A successful weekend came at a cost for the Aggie men's soccer team after tying Weber State's B-squad 1-1 on Friday, as the Aggies lost two starters to injury. Despite the loss of Brian Hadfield and Dave Firmage, however, USU was able to bounce back Saturday, destroying LDS Business College 7-1.

According to Aggie midfielder Jordan Butterfield, losing Hadfield and Firmage will likely affect USU in the coming weeks, and the undefeated team will be looking for replacements.

"We are just going to look for someone to fill in that spot," Butterfield said. "They're almost irreplaceable, but we'll try and find someone."

In Friday's struggle, neither team was able to manage a score until the 76th minute, when the Wildcats got on the board following a corner kick. However, the Aggie scored only minutes later off a corner kick, evening the game at one.

Saturday's action proved more decisive for USU. After struggling with a nasty turf field on Friday, the Aggies tallied six goals in the second half against LDS Business College to

break the game open after a slow start.

"We started the game really slow," Butterfield said. "We weren't knocking the ball around really well. But we calmed down, were more focused, and just knocked the ball around like we should."

Butterfield scored early off a penalty kick to put the Aggies up 1-0, and later scored the game's fifth goal as part of USU's second-half rout.

The scoring spree really began in the 57th minute, when USU's Tony Rubino placed a curving shot just inside the post on a penalty kick.

"One of our guys got chopped down, so I called dibs on (the penalty kick), stepped up, and put it in the corner," Rubino said.

Utah State also tallied goals in the 63rd, 65th, 76th and 83rd minutes during the second half.

Despite the victory, the USU men's team remains concerned about the losses of two of their top players. According to Rubino, the team will have to come together to overcome the injuries if they are to accomplish their goal of getting to nationals.

"It will be tough, but some of the young guys will need to step up, and some older guys will need to play even better," said Rubino. "We'll see the quality of our team."

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Women's basketball team wants male scout-team players

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State's women's basketball program is searching for male scout-team players to join them on the court for practice this season.

"Our male practice squad is a vital part of our team," head coach Raegan Pebley said. "They have a crucial role in helping our team be successful on game day. In the past, these guys have truly been members of the team, developed positive relationships with our players and coaches, and taken pride in being apart of our program."

Scout-team players will practice and scrimmage with the team on a daily basis. The practice team

offers the Aggies a chance to practice against someone other than themselves, which is a valuable component of preparation for the 2010-2011 season.

"We utilize the male practice squad to replicate what we will see offensively and defensively from our opponents, as we prepare for games," Pebley added. "We need these guys to be competitive, skilled, and have a great understanding of what it means to be an Aggie. Due to NCAA rules we are limited in what we can provide male practice players but in the end, if you have a love of basketball and respect being apart of a team, then this is a great experience."

Practice begins on Oct.

3. All players must meet NCAA qualifications and it is preferable that athletes have high school basketball experience.

"I enjoyed being able to play basketball everyday while also having the satisfaction of knowing I helped the girls out," former Aggie scout-team member Chad Fuller said. "I also enjoyed the friendships I formed with the team throughout the season."

If you are interested in helping the Aggie women's basketball team continue its progressive climb, or for more information, please contact assistant coach Danyelle Snelgro at 435-512-8515 or danyelle.snelgro@usu.edu.

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Our View

After nine years, have we forgotten?

Sept. 11, 2010 began like any other Saturday morning in Logan. I got up, I walked down to Main Street, and I got coffee. I chatted with the regulars at the shop, making light-hearted jokes between sips of vanilla hazelnut, and boasted about how well the Aggies would play in the football game later that evening.

At some point that morning the clock struck 8:46. I don't remember where I was or what I was doing. Walking somewhere around Logan, the memory of the 2,977 souls crying out in terror that morning nine years ago – only to cease an instant later – was lost on me. A blue sky yielded no sign of melancholy. A bright sun gave no hint of tragedy.

I had forgotten, and I had forgotten despite having vowed never to do so.

They call us the 9/11 generation. A single social entity, if one could ever be defined, composed of millions of individuals whose lives will be forever linked with that day and its consequences. They say it changed us – some of us for the better, some of us for the worse. But did it really? They say – and I've never quite figured out who 'they' are – that we will never forget, but have we really etched the day in our consciousness like they said we would?

It didn't occur to me until yesterday morning that I am not that different from the person I was nine years ago. Sure, I am older and presumably more intelligent, but like the proverbial seventh grader I was on 9/11/2001, I walk through life with blinders on. I am awake. I am alive. But I am not living, and certainly not living with the purpose of making this a better world.

I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. How many of you took the time on Saturday to stop and consider who you've become since that day? How many of you, given the pristine Saturday morning, were even awake?

Next year will be the 10th anniversary of 9/11, and I fear it will be just another measure of how little I've come since that day. Maybe it's time to put aside the rhetoric and to push past the facade of blame-game politics. Maybe it's time to get to the true meaning of memory, embracing introspection and truly asking ourselves – Have I forgotten?

Only when we come to a conclusion can we begin to build that world we said we would never allow this kind of tragedy to happen in again.

Feeling at home at USU depends on you

As a teenager I loved making the drive through Sardine Canyon to watch my older brother play football for Utah State University. The leaves changing colors, the smell of crisp fresh air and the cold, biting wind are all impressions in my memory. Even though these still have an impact on my image of Logan, being a student here has definitely increased the value of that image.

When it came to choosing which college to attend, Utah State was at the top of my list. I applied and received acceptance within two months. With excitement, I packed up my things, stuffed them into my car and made the scenic drive I knew all too well. When I arrived, I barely new anyone, had very few friends, and had a small idea of what I wanted to do with my future. It was not until I got involved that I felt a sense of belonging.

I am a business marketing student here at Utah State University, now completing my junior year. I first attended Utah State University as a freshman in 2005. After leaving to serve a Tongan-speaking LDS mission in San Francisco, I returned in spring 2009 and have been here ever since. I have had the pleasure of being a USU radio DJ, the president and vice-president of the Polynesian Student Union, a chapter president for the Institute Men's Association, and a member of the men's volleyball club team. I am currently a resident assistant in Mountain View Tower, a member of Psi Sigma Phi Fraternity, and this year's Diversity and Organizations Vice President.

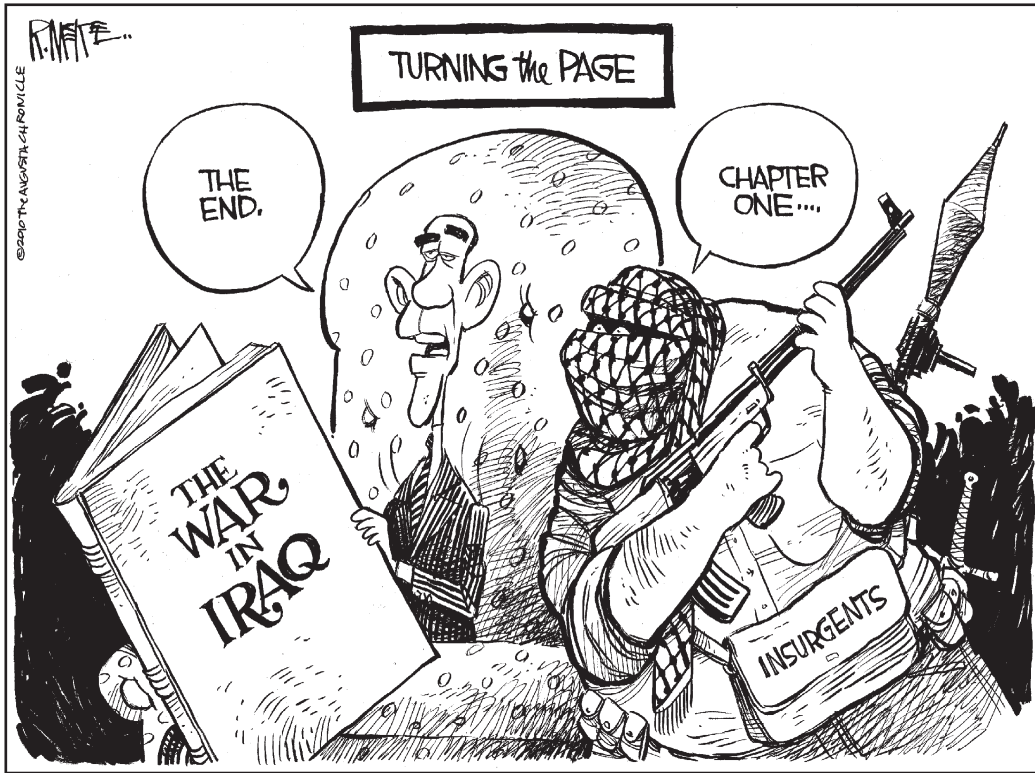
As the Diversity and Organizations Vice President, my goal is to get students involved on campus and help them feel at home. Now this may sound like a beauty-pageant answer but this is seriously what makes me passionate about everything I do here.

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Bookstore gets used profits

To the editor:

Your recent article, "Publishers drive textbook prices" (Sept. 8) did not accurately represent the realities of today's textbook market. It also seems to overlook that if the goal of going to college is to receive a quality education, students need access to the best possible tools.

To suggest that 75 cents of every dollar goes to publishers is misleading and inaccurate. Publishers receive nothing when students purchase used textbooks – those profits go to bookstores (and used-book companies) for every sale and resale of used textbooks.

The average student spending on textbooks has been flat or declining since spring '06. The latest Student Monitor data show that the average 4-year college student spent \$659 in 2009, down 7% from 2008, and less than the average spent in 2005. Adjusted for inflation, the average student spent 8% less for textbooks in 2009 than in 2001.

Textbook publishers are utilizing advances in digital technology to bring down the costs of students' course materials. While tuition rates are going up, students in Utah and across America are using these new technologies to lower their costs for educational materials and improve their college success rates.

Further, faculty members are the ones choosing the textbooks based on what

they believe is best for their students' education, and the release of new editions of textbooks has remained steady for decades: A 2008 study by the California State Auditor found the average to be 3.9 years, enabling a single text to be resold an average of 12 times or more in its lifespan.

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Tables lacking for billiards

To the editor:

It has recently come to the attention of the USU Billiards Club that the USU P.E. Department has decided to remove two pool tables from the field house. This decision was made without any warning to those in charge of registration for the billiards classes. These classes were filled to normal capacity this semester, despite the fact that there would be two fewer tables on which students can play.

The billiards program started with a few students in a couples of classes, and now there are currently hundreds of students in 19 classes each semester! This is by far the most popular class offered, and yet the P.E. Department has decided to throw out two of the eight tables – a 25 percent reduction. The consequence is that in most of the classes, there will be far too many students.

It used to be that students could play in pairs

or, rarely, triplets. Now students are forced to play in triplets, foursomes, or just take turns to play. This effectively means that about half of those students will be sitting around for half of the class, despite still paying the full fee to take the class. This also reduces the effectiveness of the course just as it would if the University took 25 percent of the computers out of a full computer class.

Billiards classes are not only taken by recreational players, but they are also taken by serious players who compete each year for USU in the ACUI regional tournament. Due to the instruction provided in these classes, the USU team has performed tremendously at these tournaments. Last year we had one player take third place and another who made it into the finals. This year looks to be even more promising. However, if we lose tables then it will reduce the amount and quality of instruction the team and other students will get in class.

This is why we ask the P.E. Department to rethink their plans. We understand their need for office space, but they must also understand our need for tables. There are simple solutions that could accommodate both the P.E. Department as well as the billiards program. This is why the billiards club has started a petition to keep the tables and come up with a reasonable solution that will benefit everyone. For more information on the petition please contact Mike at usu.pool.vice@gmail.com

Cameron Copeland

American intolerance of 'the other'

I enjoy watching the narrative of news being shaped and changed according to the desires of a small minority of the country as much as the next guy, but right now I think we may be a bit off track.

The Islamic cultural center being built near Ground Zero is one of the "hot topic" issues in the news today.

And why wouldn't it be? It's filled with threats, ultimatums, an apparent conspiracy, and dubious characters. In fact, to an objective Fox News observer, one may very well think that the building of the cultural center is one of the worst ideas to ever form in the mind of man.

Take, for example, the handlebar-mustached almost Quran-burner.

A man who obviously holds season tickets to the



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BEN ZARITSKY

amateur version of Nascar reaches into the spotlight and manages to stay in that light for days, threatening Islam nations with a holy book burning unless an imam agrees to move the location of the mosque.

Luckily, he calls it off right in the nick of time.

Or at least it would have been in the nick of time had he not waited until a copycat took over to do it in another part of the nation ... and if he had not waited until al-Qaida had already used his exact "demonstration" as a recruiting device by showing how intolerant

and hateful America is by burning their most sacred word.

Then, of course, there's the ubiquitous Glenn Beck. The defender of the constitution seems to have himself caught in the midst of his own debate.

While Mr. Beck has, generally, agreed to the rights of the Muslim community to build and have a mosque in this area, he seems to deny this right when it comes to one specific Muslim: the imam who wants to build it.

It would seem that, in Mr. Beck's world, having possible sketchy ties to people that may or may not be involved in other areas that quite possibly could be sinister in nature is enough to disqualify him his first amendment right

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Online poll

Now that we've seen them play, who will win when the football team faces BYU?

- BYU. Oklahoma was a fluke.
- It'll be close.
- Aggies, no brainer. Riley Nelson better say an extra prayer.

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to cast your vote and see results from this straw poll.

ASUSU: Council aims to represent campus diversity

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I'm now in the process of updating the clubs and organizations website online which will be up and running by the end of this month. This will allow the student body to see what clubs are active and how to get involved with them. I'm also doing some reconstructing of the Council of Student Clubs and Organizations (CSCO). Clubs that fall within an academic department will now be in communication with their college senators monthly instead of attending the monthly CSCO meeting. For other clubs, attendance is still required at the monthly CSCO meetings. These meetings provide clubs with useful information about activities, requesting funds, fundraisers, sustainability, and how to enrich students' college experience.

I have plans to place paintings, sculptures and all types of art around campus that represent the diverse students that attend here. Just as someone would decorate their home with something that represents them, I hope students can identify with these types of art as they walk the campus grounds.

The Diversity and Organizations Council and I will be planning events and activities that represent diversity within culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, backgrounds, etc. As a matter of fact, the first event that the traditions chair and I are putting together is the Global

Picnic which will take place on Friday, Sept. 24. This will be a great event to come and try different foods and see the diversity in culture that is represented here on campus. We are encouraging students to join us for a picnic on the quad and bring lunch to share with others. There will also be vendors selling a variety of foods for five dollars or less as well as free entertainment and activities for all students.

What I've learned while attending here is: the more you invest in this university, the more you feel a part of it, and only then can you make Utah State a home.

It's Suki at the Hub making sure I buy her pizza and the kiss with that freshman who badly wants to become a True Aggie. It's the taste of Aggie Blue mint with the double scoop of Lemon Custard, and the sound of the roaring crowd chanting "winning team, losing team" at basketball games. It's about sledding down Old Main trying to avoid the pine trees, it's the sight of the Polynesian Student Union's half-naked dancers at their annual luau, the inspiration from Religion and Life speakers, and so much more that welcome me back home.

Make Utah State your home and get involved!

Kaho Fiefia is the ASUSU Diversity and Organizations Vice President

Ben: Looking past the prejudice of 'us' and 'them'

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to freedom of religion.

(Seeing as how Rupert Murdoch of Fox News has similar ties to people just as shady as he, maybe his right to freedom of speech and press should be revoked as well).

Unfortunately for myself, and the rest of America, Glenn Beck seems to reserve the right to decide which individuals can and cannot have access to the first amendment.

Let's not fool ourselves, this controversy has nothing to do with the shady connections of the person funding the project, nor does it have anything to do with the proximity of the center to Ground Zero as so many have been fond of asserting.

If proximity really was the issue, why have there been angry protests (and possible arson) in Tennessee over a mosque being built there? (Or is Tennessee too close for an Islamic center as well?)

Forget proximity, forget the imam, and forget Ground Zero, for that matter. In my opinion, this whole thing all boils down to good old-fashioned intolerance of "the other." Allow me to introduce you to the theory of "the others":

"We" in the US are white, male (though "we" have female, white, wives), we were born here (wherever here is) and we have privilege (that in fact "we" do not see as privilege) in US society.

"They" (also known as "the other") are anyone else who does not fit that description, unless "we" actually, by whatever circumstance, know an individual "they" and like him, in which case, that individual is seen as "not like" those who, in fact, are just like him.

Here is one of the problems of the "the others" way of thinking:

Regardless of what one of "the others" wants, "we" feel inclined to be un-trusting and revile against it.

Regardless of what someone that belongs to "us" wants or expresses, we accept it, no matter how deplorable it is.

Don't believe me?

Just two blocks from Ground Zero, a man is trying to build a church.

What's wrong with that?

That man is notorious for his vehement loathing of Muslims, homosexuals, and Mormons, as well as a few other select groups.

While trying to keep Ground Zero free of offensive and insensitive material, we protest a man trying to build a center for all religions and creeds. At the same time we quietly accept the ranting of a man who believes that Mormonism is the religion of Satan, homosexuals are the abomination of the world, and Islam the religion of pedophiles.

But that's OK, he's one of "us."

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Pipeline blow-out destroys homes

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP) —Residents returned Sunday to the ruined hillsides of their suburban San Francisco neighborhood, three days after a natural gas pipeline exploded into a deadly fireball.

A nearby segment of the line was due to be replaced, the utility responsible said, because it ran through a heavily urbanized area and the risk of failure was “unacceptably high.” That 30-inch diameter pipe about two and a half miles north was installed in 1948, and was slated to be swapped for new 24-inch pipe.

California regulators ordered the utility, Pacific Gas and Electric, to survey all its natural gas lines in the state in hopes of heading off another disaster.

Investigators still don't know what caused Thursday night's blast, and even as dozens of people returned to their scorched homes —accompanied by gas workers to help restore pilot lights and make sure it is safe to turn power back on — officials tried to confirm just how many people died.

The remains of at least four people have been found, and authorities have said five people are missing and at least 60 injured, some critically.

San Mateo County Coroner Robert Fouchault said they're still trying to confirm whether some of the remains they found are human and identify victims.

Streets were crowded Sunday with PG&E cars and trucks, and representatives were handing out gift certificates for grocery stores. Nearly 50 homes were destroyed and seven severely damaged in the blast, while dozens of other homes suffered less severe damage in the fire that sped across 15 acres.

Pat and Roger Haro and their dog, Rosie, have been living in a hotel room since Thursday after fleeing their home with the clothes they were wearing, dog food, water and an iPad.

When they returned, their home was marked with a green tag — indicating less damage than others with yellow or red tags — and their electricity was still off.

“Once I saw the house was still there then I felt a whole lot better,” Pat Haro said. “I think we'll be a tighter community.”

A few blocks away, houses have collapsed into black and white debris on ground, with a smell like charcoal in the air. All that remain standing is a row of brick chimneys, while across the street, some homes are undamaged.

Meanwhile, local and federal officials are probing the cause of the explosion that blew a segment of pipe 28 feet long onto the street some 100 feet away, creating a crater 167 feet long and 26 feet wide.

PG&E submitted paperwork to regulators for

ongoing gas rate proceedings that said a nearby section of the same gas line a few miles away was within “the top 100 highest risk line sections” in the utility's service territory, the documents show.

The company also considered the portion that ruptured to be a “high consequence area” requiring more stringent inspections called integrity assessments, federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration spokeswoman Julia Valentine said.

Nationwide, only about 7 percent of gas lines have that classification, she said.

PG&E spokesman Andrew Souvall said the company had planned to replace the piece of the gas line mentioned in the documents as a part of its broader proposal to upgrade infrastructure that the commission began considering last year.

Souvall said Sunday that no one complained to the utility's call centers of smelling gas in the San Bruno neighborhood in the week leading up to the blast.

He said the ruptured section was checked for leaks in March. He didn't immediately provide details about what was found.

The segment farther north was checked for leaks on Friday and none were found, Souvall added.

“We take action on a daily basis to repair our equipment as needed,” he said. “PG&E takes a proactive approach toward the maintenance of our gas lines and we're constantly monitoring our system.”

In ordering the company to conduct the leak survey on its natural gas lines, the state's Public Utilities Commission said Sunday that PG&E must give priority to higher pressure pipelines, as well as to lines in areas of high population density.

The order comes after Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado, the state's acting governor, asked the commission to order the utility company to conduct an integrity assessment of its natural gas pipeline system.

The commission also plans to appoint an independent expert panel to help with their investigation.

An inspection of the severed pipe chunk in San Bruno revealed that it was made of several smaller sections that had been welded together and that a seam ran its length, but a federal safety official said that did not necessarily indicate the pipe had been repaired.

Asked whether a welded pipe was more susceptible to leaks or corrosion, National Transportation Safety Board vice chairman Christopher Hart said: “Maybe, and maybe not.”

Drug kingpin captured

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican marines captured Sergio Villarreal Barragan, a presumed leader of the embattled Beltran Leyva cartel who appears on a list of the country's most-wanted fugitives, in a raid Sunday in the central state of Puebla, the government said.

The alleged capo known as “El Grande” did not put up any resistance when he was arrested along with two accomplices, a navy official who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with department policy told The Associated Press. The President's Office later issued a brief statement confirming the arrest took place in Puebla, capital of the state of the same name.

Villarreal's capture is the fourth major blow delivered to drug cartels by Mexico's government in the past year. First came the death of Arturo Beltran Leyva on Dec. 16, 2009. Then soldiers killed the Sinaloa cartel's No. 3 capo, Ignacio “Nacho” Coronel, on July 29. And on Aug. 30 federal police announced the capture of Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias “La Barbie.” The two men are not related.

Villarreal, “El Grande,” appears on a 2009 Attorney General's Office list of Mexico's most-wanted drug

traffickers, with a reward of just over \$2 million offered for his capture.

He is listed as one of the remaining leaders of the Beltran Leyva cartel, whose top capo, Arturo Beltran Leyva, was killed in a raid by marines.

Villarreal's capture comes about two weeks after the arrest of Valdez Villarreal, another alleged capo linked to the Beltran Leyvas.

The once-powerful Beltran Leyva cartel split following the death of Arturo which launched a brutal war for control of the gang, involving mass executions and beheadings in once-peaceful parts of central Mexico. The fight pitted brother Hector Beltran Leyva and Villarreal against a faction led by “La Barbie.” Hector Beltran Leyva remains at large.

The Beltran Leyva brothers once formed a part of the Sinaloa cartel, but broke away following a dispute. An indication of the problems facing the cartel is that three of the four main blows dealt to drug gangs in the past year involve Beltran Leyva leaders or operatives.

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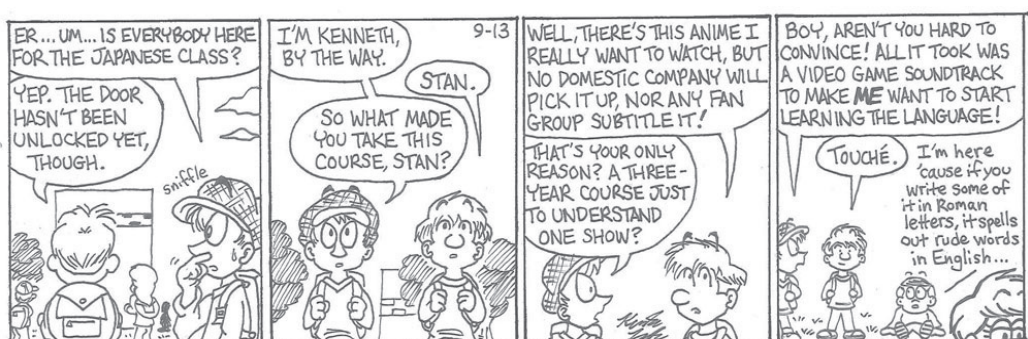
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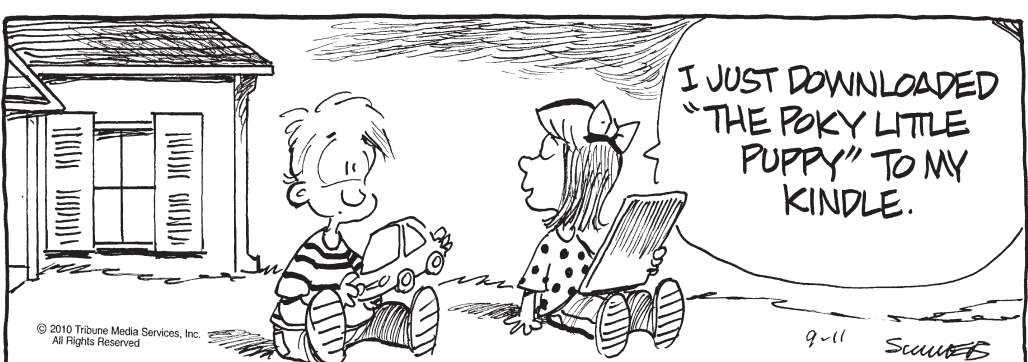
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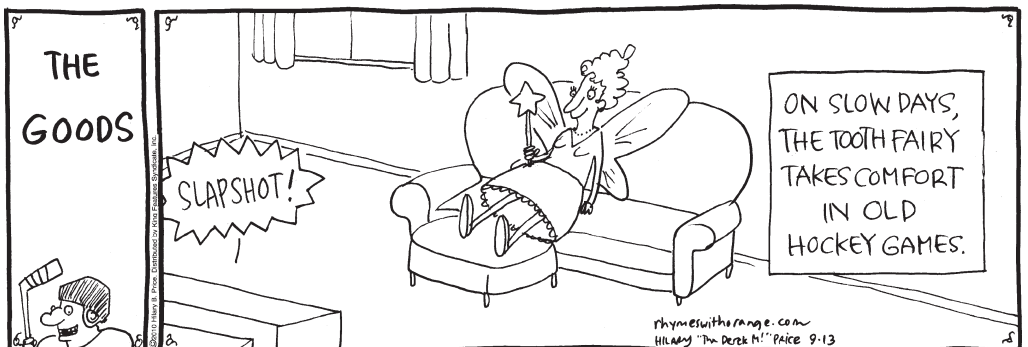
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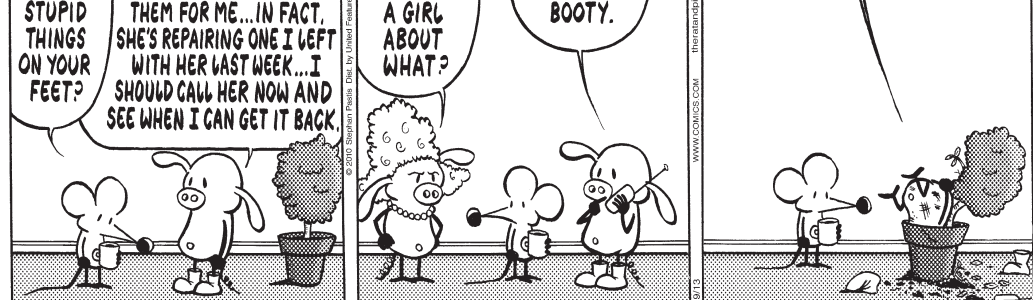
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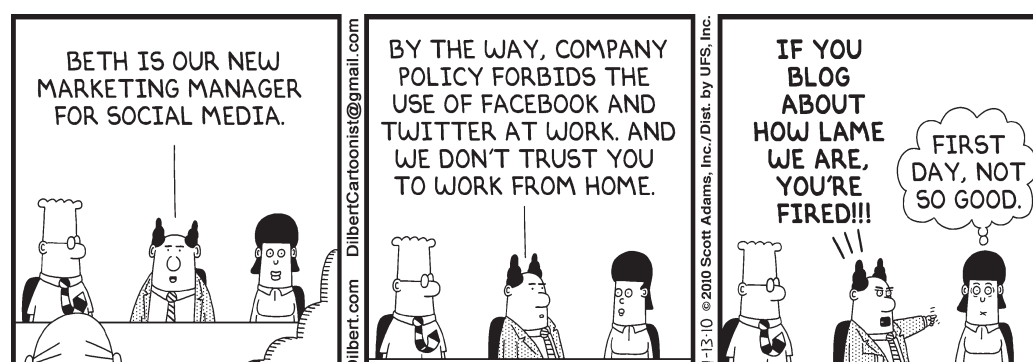
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Today is Monday, Sept. 13, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Brooks Moser, a sophomore majoring in marketing work from Preston, Idaho.

Almanac

Today in History: In 1814, Francis Scott Key pens a poem which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." Key was inspired by the sight of a lone U.S. flag still flying over Fort McHenry at daybreak during the war of 1812.

Weather

High: 85° Low: 47°
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Tuition refund

The Registrar's office would like everyone to be aware of the following dates: Sept. 13 is the last day to receive 100% tuition refund.

Study abroad

The Study Abroad Fair and US Passport Fair will take place in the TSC International Lounge/Sunburst Lounge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 15. Enhance your learning experience. Learn how to study abroad and apply for your US Passport at the fair. Discover the world.

Ecology seminar

Ecology Center 2010-11 Seminar Series presents Dr. Carlos Martinez del Rio from the Department of Zoology & Physiology at the University of Wyoming on Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. in NR 105. Admission is free and open to the public.

Date night

GPS Date Nights: Why watch an adventure when you can have your own! The Confernece Centers Ropes Course GPS Date Night is a 2 hour, on campus event that couples the use of a gps, camara and you and your date on an adventure that you document with photos.

Cost is \$30 per couple and is limited to 5 couples per session. Sessions include: Sept. 8, 10, 15 and 17 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. Visit www.ropesusu.edu to sign up!

Major fair

The Major Fair will be held on Oct. 1 in the TSC International Lounge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come learn about the variety of majors, minors, and degree programs available at USU. Enter the drawing for great prizes! This event is designated as an Aggie Passport opportunity. More info available in TSC 304.

You need to know....

Financial Aid Night will be held at Mountain Crest Auditorium on Sept. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is for all Cache Valley students in 9th-12th grades and their parents. Representative from all colleges and universities in Utah will be there to answer any questions.

LSAT and GRE **Prep Courses** are available! Tuesday's and Thursdays from Sept. 14 to Oct. 21. LSAT is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and GRE is 7 to 9 p.m. For more info visit conference.usu.edu/lsat or call 797-0423.

Utah State University's Merrill-Cazier Library sponsors "Ancient Painters on the Colorado Plateau," a Utah **Arts Council Traveling Exhibit** that featrues the photographs of USU professor Craig Law. The exhibition can be seen in the library's atrium Aug. 13 through Sept. 15.

Announcing a **Specialty Clinic** for the Treatment of Anxiety and Anxiety related Disorders from the department of Psychology. Call 797-3401 for more information.

On Sept. 13 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Delta Sigma Phi is hosting a **Halo Tournament** at the GameStop located in the Cache Valley Mall. Sign up by Sept. 11 in a team of 4 in order to participate. It is free to sign up and prizes will be given out. All skill levels welcome! Remember Reach!

Stokes Nature Center invites toddlers ages 2-3 to join them for **Parent Tot** at 10 a.m. on Sept. 17. All toddlers must have a parent present. To register, call 435-755-3239.

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